

crat to carry here, but I'm hoping we will, and I feel pretty good about it.

**Q.** Senator, is the President low-balling us when he tells us you beat him yesterday?

**Senator George Mitchell.** Well, I'll say——

**The President.** Tell the truth, George. You beat me like a drum. [Laughter] You kicked me all over the place last night. Tell the truth.

**Senator Mitchell.** Well, let me say this. I served as majority leader in the Senate for 6 years while Senator Dole was minority leader, so I debated him probably more than any other person, and I know just how effective he is. Senator Dole is a highly skilled debater, and I think he's going to be tough in this debate coming up on Sunday. But the President, I think, will do all right.

**Q.** Mr. President, what do you remember most from the debates 4 years ago? What sticks out in your mind—the last time you went through this?

**The President.** Oh, no question about it, the townhall debate, the citizens debate, and the richness and variety and the relevance of the questions that the citizens asked, and how little they were into politics and positioning and how much they were into the substance of their own lives and the future. I was very, very impressed by the questions that the American people asked who were part of that debate. That's the thing I will always remember.

NOTE: The exchange began at 10:30 a.m. outside the Hotel Athenaeum. A tape was not available for verification of the content of this exchange.

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## Digest of Other White House Announcements

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The following list includes the President's public schedule and other items of general interest announced by the Office of the Press Secretary and not included elsewhere in this issue.

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### September 28

In the morning, the President traveled from Houston, TX, to Providence, RI, arriv-

ing in the afternoon. Later, he made a conference call from the Westin Hotel to African Americans for Clinton/Gore '96. He then attended the Democratic National Committee reception for Representative Jack Reed at the Westin Hotel.

In the evening, the President traveled to Fall River and Boston, MA. Later, he attended a Democratic National Committee reception and dinner at the Meridian Hotel in Boston. After midnight, the President returned to Washington, DC.

### September 29

In the morning, the President had telephone conversations with House Speaker Newt Gingrich, Senate Majority Leader Trent Lott, House Minority Leader Richard A. Gephardt, and Senate Minority Leader Thomas A. Daschle concerning his effort to arrange a Middle East summit meeting at the White House.

In the afternoon, The President had telephone conversations with Chairman Yasser Arafat of the Palestinian Authority, Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu of Israel, President Hosni Mubarak of Egypt, and King Hussein I of Jordan inviting them to a summit meeting at the White House.

### September 30

In the morning, the President had a telephone conversation with President Mubarak of Egypt concerning the situation in the Middle East and Mr. Mubarak's inability to attend a summit meeting at the White House.

The President announced his intention to nominate Letitia Chambers to be a Representative, and James C. Hormel and Prezell R. Robinson to be Alternate Representatives to the 51st session of the General Assembly of the United Nations.

The President announced his intention to nominate Jane Lubchenco to the National Science Board, National Science Foundation.

The President declared a major disaster in South Carolina and ordered Federal aid to supplement recovery efforts in the areas struck by severe winds and flooding associated with Hurricane Fran on September 4 and continuing.

**October 1**

The President announced his intention to nominate Judith Espinosa to be a member of the Board of Trustees of the Morris K. Udall Scholarship and Excellence in National Environmental Policy Foundation.

The President announced the nomination of William W. Ginsberg to be Assistant Secretary for Market Access and Compliance at the Department of Commerce.

The President announced his intention to appoint Marilyn Golden to the Architectural and Transportation Barriers Compliance Board.

**October 2**

The President announced his intention to nominate Daniel R. Stanley to the Postal Rate Commission.

The President announced his intention to nominate George W. Black, Jr., to serve as a member of the National Transportation Safety Board.

**October 3**

In the morning, the President traveled to Buffalo, NY. In the afternoon, he traveled to Chautauqua, NY.

The President announced his intention to appoint Karen T. Scates to the Advisory Committee on the Arts of the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts.

The President announced his intention to appoint Rear Adm. R.M. Mitchell, Jr., to the Committee for Purchase From People Who are Blind or Severely Disabled.

The White House announced that the President signed legislation on October 2 that will expand duty free treatment of products imported from the West Bank and Gaza Strip and help spur economic development throughout the region.

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**Nominations  
Submitted to the Senate**


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The following list does not include promotions of members of the Uniformed Services, nominations to the Service Academies, or nominations of Foreign Service officers.

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**Submitted September 30**

Ann Jorgenson,  
of Iowa, to be a member of the Farm Credit Administration Board, Farm Credit Administration, for a term expiring May 21, 2002, vice Gary C. Byrne, resigned.

Patricia A. Broderick,  
of the District of Columbia, to be an Associate Judge of the Superior Court of the District of Columbia for the term of 15 years, vice Harriett Rosen Taylor, term expired.

William W. Ginsberg,  
of Connecticut, to be an Assistant Secretary of Commerce, vice Charles F. Meissner.

Triruvavarur R. Lakshmanan,  
of New Hampshire, to be Director of the Bureau of Transportation Statistics, Department of Transportation, for a term of 4 years (reappointment).

Nathan Leventhal,  
of New York, to be a member of the National Council on the Arts for a term expiring September 3, 2002, vice William Bailey, term expired.

Jane Lubchenco,  
of Oregon, to be a member of the National Science Board, National Science Foundation for a term expiring May 10, 2000, vice W. Glenn Campbell, term expired.

Adan Munoz, Jr.,  
of Texas, to be U.S. Marshal for the Southern District of Texas for the term of 4 years, vice Basil S. Baker.

**Submitted October 1**

Judith M. Espinosa,  
of New Mexico, to be a member of the Board of Trustees of the Morris K. Udall Scholarship and Excellence in National Environmental Policy Foundation for a term of 4 years, (new position).

**Submitted October 2**

Daniel R. Stanley,  
of Kansas, to be a Commissioner of the Postal Rate Commission for the term expiring October 14, 2000, vice Wayne Arthur Schley, term expired.